New bridge on Yamuna River in Delhi

742. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the scheduled date for the completion of the construction of the new bridge over the Yamuna river near the Inter-State Bus Terminal, Delhi;

(b) the number of parties to whom the construction of the bridge has been entrusted; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the work of construction of this bridge is far behind the schedule, if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) The scheduled date for the completion of the bridge was May, 1987.

(b) The work relating to construction of the main bridge has been awarded to M/s. National Buildings Construction Corporation, New Delhi and the work relating to construction of Western Approach Flyovers to M/s. Uttam Singh Duggal and Co.

(c) The work of construction of the Yamuna bridge is behind schedule. The original time of completion given to NBCC was three years from May, 1984. However, for such a big project three years time was a very tight period as normally 4 years time is required for construction of a project of this magnitude. The main reasons for delay in the construction of the project are as under:

(i) Delay in removal of encroachment coming in the layout of the bridge and connected flyovers.

(ii) Shifting of services like sewer lines, electric cables, Post & Telegraph cables, etc.

(iii) Changes in the designs to accommodate under-the-ground services.

(iv) Time taken in soil exploration and delay in the submission of designs by the contractor which were of a very complicated nature.

(v) Slow progress by the contractors.

Jhuggi dwellers in Delhi

743. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of jhuggies and the people living in them in Delhi;

(b) whether Government propose to take any action to remove these jhuggi clusters and rehabilitate them elsewhere to remove the health hazard posed by a large number of jhuggi dwellers who used open areas as toilets in the midst of populated places; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Although no recent survey has been carried out, it was estimated that there were about 2 lakh jhuggies in Delhi in May, 1986.

(b) and (c) Only old and established jhuggies dwellers are provided alternative sites on their removal. Over 2 lakh such families have been resettled in various resettlement colonies/transit camps since 1960.

DAP plant in Sindri unit

744. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up a new DAP plant in the Sindri unit of the Fertilizer Corporation of India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the estimated budgetary support needed to set up the plant?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI PRABHU): No Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.